

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A coated chewing gum product comprising:

a gum center that includes a water soluble portion and a water insoluble portion, the water insoluble portion comprising at least 50% by weight of the gum center, the gum center including less than 5% by weight of bulk sweeteners; and

a coating that at least substantially surrounds the gum center.

2. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 1 wherein the coating comprises at least 50% by weight of the coated chewing gum product.

3. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 1 wherein the coating comprises at least 80% by weight of the coated chewing gum product.

4. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 1 wherein the gum center does not include any bulk sweetener.

5. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 1 wherein the insoluble portion comprises at least 65% by weight of the gum center.

6. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 1 wherein the product has a spherical shape.

7. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 1 wherein the gum center includes 0.1 to 25% by weight flavor.

8. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 1 wherein the gum center is wax-free.

9. (currently amended) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 1 wherein the coating includes:

at least 0.1% to about 12% flavoring;

at least 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight artificial sweetener; and

at least 0.1% to about 5% by weight dispensing-dispersing agent.

10. (original) A coated chewing gum product comprising:

a gum center including a water soluble portion and a water insoluble portion, the water insoluble portion comprising at least 50% by weight of the gum center, the gum center including a flavoring agent that comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the gum center and less than 5% by weight of a bulk sweetener; and

a coating that substantially surrounds the gum center and comprises at least 50% by weight of the coated chewing gum composition.

11. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 10 wherein the gum center does not include any bulk sweetener.

12. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 10 wherein the insoluble portion comprises at least 65% by weight of the gum center.

13. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 10 wherein the product has a spherical shape.

14. (currently amended) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 10 wherein the coating includes:

at least 0.1% to about 12% flavoring;

at least 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight artificial sweetener; and

at least 0.1% to about 5% by weight dispensing-dispersing agent.

15. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 10 wherein the product has a pellet like shape.

16. (original) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 10 wherein the gum center is sugarless.

17. (original) A method of improving flavor perception in a coated chewing gum product comprising the steps of: providing a coated chewing gum product that includes a gum center that comprises at least 50% by weight gum base and less than 5% bulk sweeteners.

18. (original) The method of Claim 17 including the steps of coating a gum center with a syrup coating to produce the coated chewing gum product.

19. (original) The method of Claim 17 wherein the gum center does not include any bulk sweetener.

20. (original) The method of Claim 17 including the step of using a panning process to produce the coated chewing gum product.

21. (New) A coated chewing gum product comprising:
water soluble in a liquid
a gum center that includes a water insoluble portion, the water insoluble portion comprising at least 50% by weight of the gum center, the gum center including less than 5% by weight of bulk sweeteners; and
a coating that at least substantially surrounds the gum center.

22. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 21 wherein the coating comprises at least 50% by weight of the coated chewing gum product.
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23. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 21 wherein the coating comprises at least 80% by weight of the coated chewing gum product.

24. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 21 wherein the gum center does not include any bulk sweetener.

25. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 21 wherein the insoluble portion comprises at least 65% by weight of the gum center.

26. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 21 wherein the product has a spherical shape.

27. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 21 wherein the gum center includes 0.1 to 25% by weight flavor.

28. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 21 wherein the gum center is miniature.

29. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 21 wherein the gum center is miniature and does not include any bulk sweetener.

30. (New) A coated chewing gum product comprising:

a gum center including a water insoluble portion comprising at least 50% by weight of the gum center and less than 5% by weight of a bulk sweetener; and

a coating that substantially surrounds the gum center and comprises at least 50% by weight of the coated chewing gum composition.

31. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 30 wherein the gum center does not include any bulk sweetener.

32. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 30 wherein the insoluble portion comprises at least 65% by weight of the gum center.

33. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 30 wherein the product has a spherical shape.

34. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 30 wherein the center is miniature and does not include any bulk sweetener.

35. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 30 wherein the product has a pellet like shape.

36. (New) The coated chewing gum product of Claim 30 wherein the gum center is miniature.